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The Music Room
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Canadian folk duo The Small Glories wowed a large crowd at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton Saturday night, stomping out original and cover tunes. Cara Luft and JD Edwards, from Winnipeg, made the stop in Haliburton as part of The Small Glories North American tour. /ADAM FRISK Special to *County Life*

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Time to reform a new mindset

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Staff

There's more than one way to workout. In this day and age of social media, viewers are inundated with varying degrees of workouts, with some labeled as "bad" and others as "good". It's almost impossible to know where to start.

It's this insecurity, this doubt, this uncertainty, that Sarah Comer is trying to help with. "I believe that we should lean into the idea of working out for how it makes us feel, more than for how it makes us look," she told the *Times*.

It is with this mindset that the Minden resident and co-owner of the Wellness Hub wishes to mitigate some questions around her preferred workout tool: the Reformer.

The Reformer was invented by Joseph Pilates, the father of the original pilates movement. "Joseph Pilates is well known for his mat pilates repertoire, developed prior to his invention of the reformer," said Comer. "The Pilates Reformer is among the most diverse workout equipment in the industry, with over 150 exercises in Joseph Pilates Repertoire alone."

Pilates really started to gain popularity during the COVID-19 pandemic, as people were looking for exercises they could do at home with little to no equipment. The whole concept of Pilates is a mind-body connection that improves strength, alignment, and breathing.

Comer shared that she first came across Pilates when she was working an administrative job at Haliburton County Chiropractic and Rehabilitation in Minden. She describes herself as a lifelong "mover", which was what made practice so desirable to her.

Through her explorations, she discovered the Reformer, which was primarily being used by physiotherapists as a tool for rehabilitation. "The reformer allows for strength building through resistance training and bodyweight exercises, as well as mobility training," she said. "The Reformer helps us get into positions that would feel less accessible on the mat, allowing for a more comfortable, and sometimes deeper stretch."

With this in mind, Comer set out to bring Reformer sessions to Haliburton County. She believes the tool offers a level of accessibility to all ages and body types. "The Reformer allows for modification and progressions to meet all fitness levels," she said. "I have seen clients as young as the age of 11, all the way up to 75."

Comer shared that while the Reformer sessions are open to anyone, she has seen great benefits when working with clients who are postpartum, and are working on regaining core and pelvic floor strength, as well as clients with injuries or chronic illnesses like Multiple Sclerosis (MS). "I have a client who has MS and the progression in their stability and muscle control has been amazing to watch," she shared. "The machine inspires innovation and allows for the creation of new exercises of trained movement."

With the Reformer being a fairly new tool, particularly in the Haliburton Highlands, Comer hopes that people are open-minded to the practice - particularly considering the benefits. "I think people can draw a new mindset around working out with the reformer," she said. "It inspires a mind-body connection, and requires you to slow down and use your muscles with control and intention."

The main focus for Comer is the hope that anyone knows they can work out, despite any physical or mental challenges. "I believe working out should be functional, efficient and fun," she said, "It should be just as much a physical experience as it is a mental experience."

Comer noted that with the Reformer, there are opportunities for any type of workout, with modifications available along the way. She believes that modifications do not make any workout less than another, but rather, they allow individuals to get the most out of each exercise. "I believe we should meet our restrictions with curiosity, not shame," she said.

The Reform Studio is one of 13 independent businesses that are housed at the Wellness Hub in Haliburton. Comer runs the Reform sessions, and is also the co-owner of the Hub, alongside Shay Hutchings. For more information on the Reformer, visit @the.reform.studio on Instagram.

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Bidding on Medeba
Camp Medeba hosted a "Not-so-silent" auction Saturday, April 22 as a fundraiser for the camp. The auction was held both online and in person where people were able to bid on a variety of products and services generously donated by local businesses. /ADAM FRISK Special to *County Life*

They made it!

Haliburton School of Art and Design hosted "I Made It" exhibition at Fleming College on Saturday, April 22 where students showed off all of their hard work and the end of the semester show. From glassblowing and jewelry making to photography and ceramics, students had the chance to showcase their creations from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the college. / ADAM FRISK Special to *County Life*

Erica Olavario poses for a photo with some of her favourite photographs.

Grace Barkley shows off some of her glassblowing work.

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Spirit lifting songs of the spring

RICK WHITTEKER
Special to *County Life*

The restorative nature of spring is heralded by the sweet melody of bird song. The warbles, the trills, the clear, buzzy, and nasally notes of singing birds can be so uplifting, enticing us to get outdoors. With only the odd croak of a raven, the rare hoot of an owl and familiar call of the chickadee, the winter is like an avian song siesta. The change from the hush of the winter to spring birdsong is like a cold drink on a hot day, the satisfaction is felt deep down.

It is awe inspiring to know that these little hollow boned, flying marvels have travelled sometimes thousands of kilometres to spend time in our forests, meadows, wetlands and at our backyard feeders. Instinctively, songbirds return every year to find a mate, a nesting site and to feed their young on the abundance of seeds, fruit and protein from the spring's bounty of insects.

Songbirds are perching birds. With three toes facing forward and one back, a tendon at the back automatically flexes when they perch, locking their foot to a perch, like a branch. In the order Passerines and representing over 4,000 species, songbirds have a specialized vocal organ called a syrinx which allows them to produce complex melodies.

Red-Eyed Vireo. This marathon songster sings all day long even in the mid-afternoon doldrums when few other birds are singing. /Ed Poropat

Birds vocalize for variety of reasons including territorial defense, signaling alarm or companion calls to keep track of other birds while feeding. Songs are more specialized melodies composed of a series of notes and are usually associated with personal identity, establishing territory, and wooing a mate.

Learning bird identification through their song takes time and patience. Go slow. It has not been a simple task, as for years LBBs - or, "little brown birds" - was how I categorized all sparrows. Now I know the Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, and White-throated Sparrow songs and hope to learn a few more this spring.

Thankfully, some birds were named after their song. This onomatopoeic approach helps, as some birds literally belt out their name when they sing. "Chicka-dee-dee-dee" for the friendly Black-capped Chickadee, "fee-bee" for the flycatching Eastern Phoebe and "whip-poor-will" for the nocturnal Eastern Whip-Poor-Will are a few examples.

One trick that allows birders of all skill levels to learn bird calls is through mnemonics. These fun, gimmicky phrases put words to the notes in a bird's song to help us recognize the song and, therefore, identify the bird. Some of the more recognizable bird mnemonics include the following:

"Who cooks for you, who cooks for you-allll?" Barred Owl. Not a songbird!

"Teacher! Teacher! Teacher!" Ovenbird. Gets louder over three notes.

"Drink your teeeeea" Eastern Towhee.

"Please, please, please to meetcha" Chestnut-sided Warbler.

"Potato chip. Potato chip" call of American Goldfinch in flight.

"Yank, Yank, Yank" nasally call of the Red Breasted Nuthatch.

"Conc-a-reee!" male Red Winged

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When: A map will be created after data collection, for tours to be taken at your leisure
Where: Multiple locations across Haliburton County
Apple tree owners, would you like to participate in the first annual Haliburton County apple blossom tour? Apple Tree Identification Project (ATIP) inspired by U-Links, is collecting information on Haliburton County apple orchards, old and new, species and locations. If you have apple trees on your property and would like to be included on the location tour map, ask questions, or just provide information or photos please contact appletreeshaliburton@gmail.com.

Jr NBA

When: April 11 to May 31
Where: Archie Stouffer Elementary and Haliburton High
Local volunteers and Basketball Canada have teamed up to bring a curriculum-based youth basketball program to the county! Visit www.haliburtonbasketball.com for information.

Biggest Book Sale Ever! Places for People Fundraiser

When: May 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Exclusive preview 8 to10 a.m. for $100 donation for 10 books
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Music by Bill Candy

When: May 6, 2 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion Clubroom
Come join us for a musical performance by Bill Candy. Doors open at 2 p.m, all are welcome-entry for non-members is $5. Chili or potato soup & a roll will also be available for $5.00.

Mother's Day Food Bank Fill-Up

When:Saturday May 13, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Haliburton and Wilberforce Foodlands
The Haliburton & District Lions Club will be collecting food bank donations at the Haliburton and Wilberforce Foodland locations. All donations will be distributed to the 4Cs and Wilberforce foodbanks. For more information visit haliburtonlions.com.

Walk for Dog Guides Fundraiser

When:Saturday May 20th, 8am - 1pm
Where: Haliburton PetValu
Come join the Haliburton & District Lions Club for their walk for dog guides fundraiser. Check out the yard sale, as well as a selection of plants, books and baked goods. Remember to bring your pop tabs for puppies! Registration at 11:30 a.m., walk begins at noon. For pledge forms or for more information visit PetValu Haliburton, call 705-448-1128 or visit haliburtonlions.com.

B&B Blues Band; Rockin' Blues

When: Saturday, May 20, doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall
Come join us for fun and music by the B&B Blues Band! Tickets are $20per person and can be purchased at the Legion. Call 705-457-2571 or drop in. For more information visit bbbluesband.com or haliburtonlegion.com

Naturally Yours

Blackbird. One of the first birds to arrive in the spring, near wetlands.

"Cheerio. Cheery-me. Cheerio. Cheery-me" American Robin, another early spring arrival.

"Hey sweetie" or "Cheese-burger" one of the Black-capped Chickadee songs heard in the late winter/spring

For tireless songster, the "Look at me…. Way up high…. Over here…. In a tree" of the Red-eyed Vireo gets the award. The vireo sings incessantly, up to 20,000 times in a day! Usually singing from the canopy, this olive green and white songbird has even been viewed singing while holding a dragonfly in its beak!

For patriotism, the "Oh, sweet, Canada, Canada, Canada" call of the White-throated Sparrow gets the gold. I connect fondly to this sweet, high-pitched song after hearing it many times from under a canoe on the portages of Algonquin Park, Killarney and in the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails.

Getting to know the calls of our local birds is like knowing the names of your neighbours and community members; it gives you a better sense of place, a sense of connection. I have heard it described as like wrapping yourself in a warm blanket of security knowing who is singing around you. Or, for some, it is simply about relaxing, taking a deep breath, and enjoying nature's spring symphony!

Girl talk

Long considered primarily a function of the male species, a recent study revealed that up to 64% of female songbirds also sing. In the tropics, commonly both male and female birds sing as mating pairs hold their territories year around, so their duets vocalize a stronger message to the competition. In temperate areas, female singers are not as well understood. Species recognized to have female singers are the Northern Cardinal, Song Sparrows, Barn Swallows, Black-capped Chickadees and several warblers.

Ovenbird. Found hunting for insects on the forest floor, the Ovenbird is a warbler with a notable "teacher, teacher, teacher" song.

White-throated Sparrow. The sweet, high-pitched notes of the White-throated Sparrow will be heard on warm summer days. /Photos by Ed Poropat

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Thoughts from the garden

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

APRIL SHOWERS bring May flowers, but what if those April showers have been white and strangely solid? Despite a couple of false starts, it does seem like spring has now arrived in the Highlands and I know that fills many local gardening enthusiasts with glee. Seeds and plants which have been lovingly sprouted indoors will soon get their chance to stretch in the sunshine and carefully tended flowerbeds will spring back to life. For those for who are less horticulturally minded however, this time of year can come with a rather different internal monologue when looking at a garden. It might sound something like: "What is that? Is that something I planted? Why is that growing over there? I think that's a weed, but the bees are enjoying it, so maybe I should just leave it. Perhaps I should get a cup of coffee and think about it all before I do anything." Okay, I'll admit it – my favourite part of 'gardening' is simply sitting outdoors and enjoying it all!

The arrival of spring does always find me thinking of the early settlers who came to Haliburton County to farm and who didn't have the luxury of pondering their gardens as many of us do today. There would have been a steep learning curve for many of them, figuring out which plants would thrive and how a shorter growing season than they were used to might affect those crops. Issues with soil erosion and declining soil quality would have added to their challenges. There's also the question of whether, then as now, the deer tried to treat their gardens as a giant salad bar!

Local agricultural societies were prominent in Haliburton County the 19th century and the awards bestowed at the local fairs were highly coveted. A prize for wheat, potatoes or beets would have meant a small triumph over challenging conditions, as well as a symbol of hope for future harvests. That said, it's not surprising that for many of those early settlers, agriculture proved so frustrating that their stays in the County were short and they chose to relocate to better farmland either further north in Ontario or further west in Canada, as soon as the railway made such a move feasible. It's important to note, however, that some families did choose to remain in the area and made a success of farming and growing food, learning to work with the landscape and climate, and in many cases diversifying to help make ends meet.

In more recent years, we've once again seen an increase in the number of farmers and food producers in the County and an increasing interest in eating locally produced food. One only needs to visit any local farmers' market to see this interest in action and those markets will be starting up again in just a matter of weeks. In addition, there are also so many other ways we can support local producers, ranging from seeking out farmstands to supporting local food businesses to simply helping out a friend or neighbour who has found themselves with a glut of zucchini, so it doesn't go to waste. We all have a part to play, so I hope you'll get out there and support local this growing season!

Top 10 things to say if ever taken hostage

LET'S BE honest. Nobody wants to find themselves in a hostage situation. I mean, most time, that's just awkward.

But here's the good news. If, as a hostage, you maintain a positive outlook, you might find that you can turn what is arguably an unpleasant situation into an opportunity to connect with new people who have widely divergent perspectives and ideologies – and, who knows, maybe even touch a heart.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

How do you do that when your hands and feet are in zip ties? Well, you can start by just being yourself. Everyone (including cold-hearted hostage takers) appreciates authenticity.

With that in mind, here are 10 things your hostage taker needs to hear.

1. Just so you know, I'm gluten-free *and* lactose intolerant.
2. FYI, I can't help but sing show tunes when I'm anxious.
3. I'm sorry again, but nervous flatulence is a real medical condition…
4. Is it just me or do we have the makings of a great podcast?
5. The 80s called. They want their black balaclava back!
6. Honestly, I needed a break from work anyhow…
7. Hey, I know this is a bit awkward, but while I was in the trunk of your car, I wrote a two-person play….
8. A bit of advice – whatever you do, don't settle for the first offer.
9. You know, before I met you, I thought my social life was over…
10. On the up side, you got me out of attending a wedding.

Grasping

Saplings springing from the forest floor, littered with last year's leaves,
Air, laced with traces of Rain, as I inhale the smell of earth, seeping through the debris,
pausing amongst the pines, before I begin to climb the trail,
winding, up and up, roots and boulders, leading the way.
I rest my eyes on the sapling siblings, their elders, towering above them,
the green of their needles, anaesthetizing me into peaceful reverie,
as my fingers feel the pinecones budding on their branches, tinier than droplets of Rain,
dissolving into the earth, feeding squirming seeds.
I clomp over towards the carcass of a tree, its insides, hollowed out, yet still it stands,
this limbless, branchless, trunk of a tree, split open, splinters and shreds of pulp,
are all that remains of the nameless tree, that once flourished here, in its forest Home,
amongst the birches and pines, its trunk, stripped of bark, this bone of a tree, this relic,
around which saplings grow, a boulder, to keep it company,
and the roots of neighboring trees, slithering past, onto the trail, its trunk, soft as a rotting log,
as if it will fold into itself, if I poke at it for too long,
peering into its hollowness, once cloaked in darkness, now exposed to Air and light,
moss crawling along the flanks of the boulder,
slouching alongside it, the green fur, damp, after Rain.
I plunge my hands into the plushness of the moss, not daring to peel the boulder's blanket,
to peek at what's concealed beneath, wondering whether my presence, disturbs the peace of the forest,
that just breathes and grows, knowing its purpose, from its roots to the crowns of its trees,
day after day, year after year, as seasons bleed into one another, as stillness sprouts wings,
and green shoots spring from the earth, reaching for the light.
I grasp the trunk of a tree, to steady my Breath, as I climb higher and higher,
towards whatever lies on the other side of the hill, the vista of a Lake, sparkling in the black pools of my eyes,
soaked in a light, so bright, for a moment, I pause and close my eyes,
inhaling Air, rinsed by Rain, feeling the forest breathe,
as saplings birth pinecones, and branches bud with tiny claws,
grasping for Air and light.

Sylvie Kalenda

New live concert venue coming to town

We are thrilled to announce the Music Room at The Castle, a new 150-seat intimate concert venue, located inside Castle Antiques & Cafe. Get ready for a summer full of exciting live events and an incredible line-up of concerts that will blow your mind!

Stay tuned for more information and be the first to know about our upcoming events. We're bringing the best live music to Haliburton, and we can't wait to share it with you all!

Follow us for updates and get ready to experience the magic of live music like never before. Here we come!

Opening May 6, with a live performance by award-winning singer-songwriter Marshall Dane, Haliburton's new 150-seat Music Room at The Castle will be the place to go this summer and all year long for live music.

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To kick it all off, The Music Room at the Castle will present an unforgettable evening of live music, featuring the dynamic and soulful songs of award-winning singer-songwriter Marshall Dane, whose new single Grateful is currently topping the download and radio charts. Check out his music at www.marshalldane.com and on all streaming platforms.

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Submitted by Music Room at The Castle

To kick off The Music Room at the Castle, the opening performance will present an unforgettable evening of live music, featuring the dynamic and soulful songs of award-winning singer-songwriter Marshall Dane on Saturday, May 6. /Submitted

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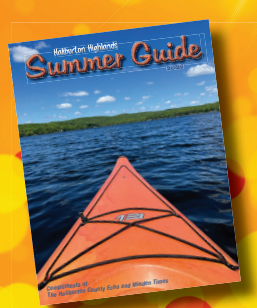

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A white-tailed doe begins to shed her winter fur. / Submitted by Tammy Nash

A Great blue heron stands on the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

A seagull stands on a rock. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

A pair of Canada geese swim around with a male Mallard. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

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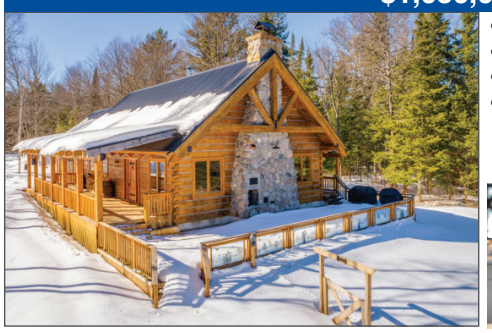

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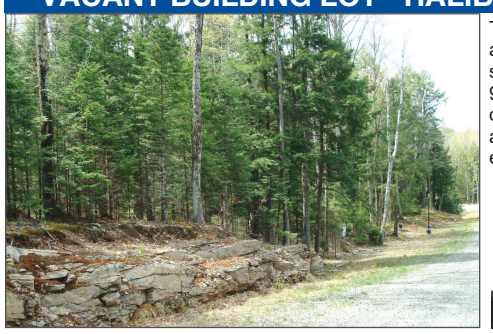

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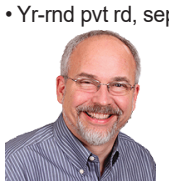
- Level lot on desirable 2 lake chain
- Open concept KT/LR/DR, pretty view
- Tastefully finished, lots of pine
- Full unfinished basement
- Yr-rnd pvt rd, septic & lake water



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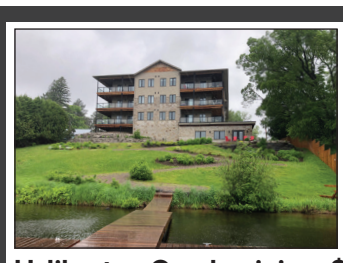

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- 1236 Sq Ft, 3rd Flr, 2 Bdrm, 2 Bath, A/C
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- Head Lake (5 Lake Chain), Move-in Ready
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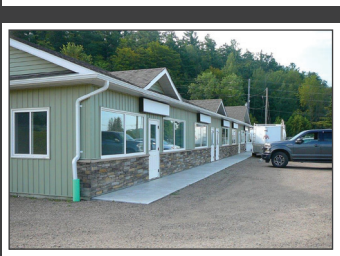

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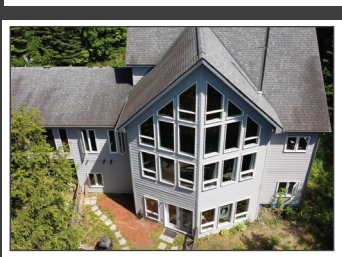
Beech Lake

- Open concept 3-season cottage, 4 bedrooms
- Oversized car-garage with & updated bunkie
- Clean, hard-packed sand beach & lake views
- Amazing afternoon sun & sunsets!



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Miskwabi Lake $1,499,900

- 4-Season custom Viceroy
- Over 2700 sq. ft on three levels
- Deep clean shoreline, western exposure
- Awesome 2-lake chain, Municipal road access

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Oblong Lake $599,000

- 0.9-acre parcel with north-western exposure
- Over 700 feet of clean, sand & rock frontage
- Driveway installed & building site partially cleared
- Part of a 2-lake chain with premium Haliburton Lake

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County Rd 21 $125,000

- 2.34 Acre Lot Close To Town!
- 529ft of Frtg, Mins from Schools & Amenities
- Public Beaches and Boat Launch Nearby
- Build a Country Home w/ Walkout Basement

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Loop Road $547,000

- 5 Beds / 3 Bath Home on 10+ Acres!
- Many Recent Upgrades, Attached Garage
- Perennial Gardens, Wraparound Deck
- Public Beach & Amenities Minutes Away

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Sunnyside St $849,000

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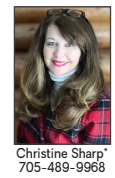

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Private, Building Lot $159,000

- 2 Acre Forested Lot
- Beautiful Mixture of Pine & Maple Trees
- Public Access to Basshaunt Lake Close By
- Few Mins From All Amenities of Eagle Lake

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Large Acreage on Cockle Lake!

- 131 Acres, 3000+ft of Water Frontage
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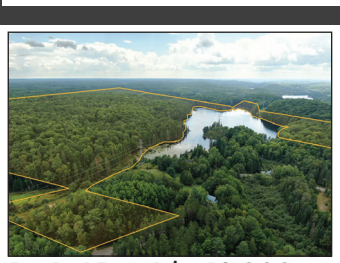

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Bethel Road $549,000

- Incredible 194-acre parcel just mins from Minden
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Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Sept to June)
Wednesdays:
Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall.
Bingo doors open at 6 p.m.
Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $500 Jackpot
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcll129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome!
Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
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Saturday All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m.
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May 5: Wing night and jam session 5 to 8 p.m.
May 6: 2 to 6 p.m. Meat draw 3 p.m.
May 7 & 8: Closed
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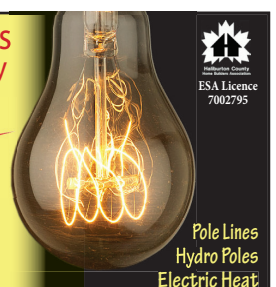

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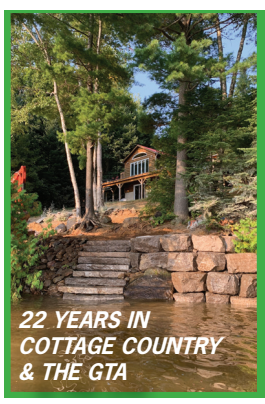

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Highlights

Records fall

Records were tumbling all around the grounds last Tuesday during the track and field meet at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. In all, 10 records were shattered.
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No grants

The Ministry of Education has finalized its list of school boards to get capital grants in the next three years and Haliburton is not included.
Please see page 9.

Spring

When people think of the Highlands, they usually think of the traditional summer and winter activities. However, many are aware that spring can be one of the most enjoyable seasons in these parts.
Please see page 13.

Bob Vick

The man who sat at the helm in Snowdon Township for more than two decades will be honoured by friends and neighbours.
Please see page 17.

Kids' safety

Haliburton schools will begin teaching a personal safety program this fall to help children deal with physical and sexual abuse.
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It was an active day at Queen's Park last Tuesday as Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander gave the Speech from the Throne. Minden Reeve Ray Moore was at Queen's Park as a guest of Victoria-Haliburton MPP John Eakins to hear the speech and attend a reception afterwards. Other guests from Victoria and Haliburton Counties included Lutterworth Reeve Carol Puffer, Somerville Reeve Bryce Young and Victoria County Warden Dennis Sweeting. Seen here, Moore is greeted by the Lieutenant Governor during the reception. Seen in the background is Warden Sweeting.

School taxes jump 15.7%

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

The Haliburton County Board of Education has passed its 1989 budget leading to a 15.7 per cent increase in the amount raised through local property taxes.

The budget itself only grew by 9.8 per cent but, because provincial grants did not increase in proportion to the growth of the board, the money will have to be raised locally. The province increased it's contribution to the board's budget by only $31,360, less than a one per cent increase over last year's grant.

The total board expenditures expected for 1989 are $11,866,977.Of that 34 per cent is contibuted by the province and 65 per cent is raised by the municipalities through property taxes. Last year the province contributed 37 per cent of the board's budget.

The board's Business Administrator, Jim Bradley, said his original proposed budget called for an expenditure increase of 12 per cent over 1988 but the board wanted to keep the increase below 10 per cent. In order to trim the budget, Bradley calculated how much money would have to come off each school's list of expenditures and let the principals decide where the cuts in their schools should be made.

In structure, very little has changed from last year's budget. Salaries and benefits still account for about 68 per cent of the expenditures, transportation accounts for 11 per cent, and 12.8 per cent is spent on supplies. The remaining seven per cent is spent on tuition fees, repairs and alterations, capital costs, and debt charges.

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Amalgamation is inevitable

Eakins calls for input in county government revision

Haliburton County will see some dramatic changes in the next five years if, as expected, the Minister of Municipal Affair adopts most of the 41 recommendations from the most recent report on County Government in Ontario.

Because of the potential change that could result if these recommendations are adopted, Municipal Affairs Minister John Eakins is inviting comment from county councillors, municipal councillors and the public.

"I want to hear your views on this report by July 14," Eakins told a gathering of county wardens on April 20. "If you can think of better solutions than those proposed by the committee, please tell me about them."

Eakins expects that some of the recommendations in the report will spark controversy. He may be in for a surprise, though, since the recommendations themselves were derived from comments made by county and municipal councillors.

The report was called for after an earlier report by an advisory committee came out with recommendations to overhaul the 140-year-old system of government. The Consultation Committee was formed to tour the province meeting with members of the 26 county councils and other interested parties and report back to the minister.

Still, though, there is bound to be some controversy arising from the recommendations that will ultimately lead to amalgamation of the smaller townships in the Highlands to form larger, more efficient municipalities.

One recommendation in this report suggests that the minimum population base for a municipality to support efficient cost-effective services whould be 4,000. Since Haliburton County has a population of about 12,000, that recommendation, if endorsed, would reduce the number of municipalities in Haliburton from 10 to three.

Eakins, himself, has admitted that this recommendation may not be workable in all cases. To remedy this, a second recommendation suggests that some municipalities be allowed to have a population base of less than 4,000 if the population density, geographic isolation, nature of the economy or natural location of a service area warrant a smaller size.

Regardless of this secondary recommendation, Haliburton County is bound to see a significant reduction in the number of municipalities. How those amalgamations will be made is ultimately up to the local politicians.

Recommendation number 27 in this report suggests that a study be undertaken in each county in order to consider reorganization of the county structure in line with the directions outlined in the Government Policy Statement. These further studies to be undertaken by the counties will recognize the unique nature of each county and produce recommendations tailored to fit the circumstances of each area.

The Consultation Committee has recommended that

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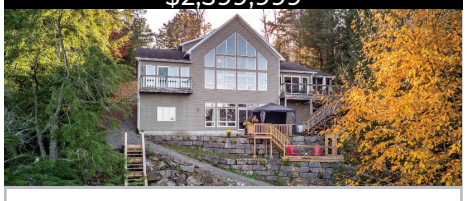

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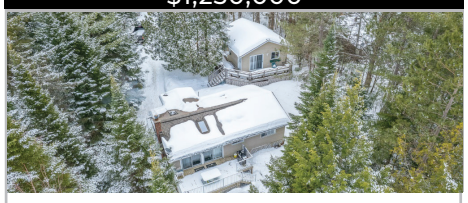

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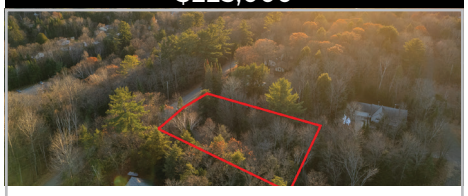

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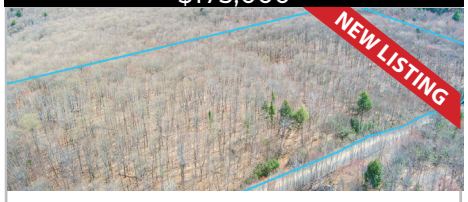

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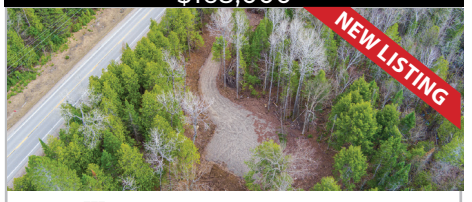

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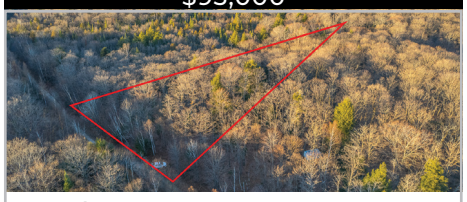

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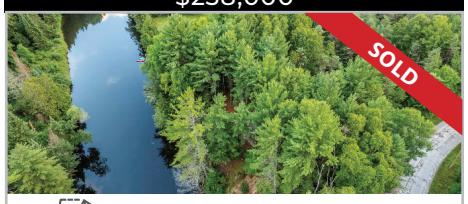

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